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IN MEMORIAM — CLAIR S. TAPPAAN

Members of the Sierra Club, almost on the eve of the annual dinner, were shocked at the news of the sudden passing away of Hon. Clair S. Tappaan, of Los Angeles, who had been for many years one of the most prominent leaders of the Club's activities. Judge Tappaan was returning to his court after luncheon on November 30th when he was stricken with a sudden illness and died before he could be taken to a hospital. A memoir, written by his close friend and long-time associate in the management of Sierra Club outings, William E. Colby, will appear in the magazine number of the *Sierra Club Bulletin* in February. There are reproduced here passages from remarks made in the Superior Court of Los Angeles County on December 1, 1932, by Judge Isaac Pacht.

"It is a coincidence that several of the members of this court, his own colleagues on the Bench, were his pupils when he was professor of law at the University of Southern California. The genius, the talent, and the capabilities of Professor Tappaan helped in a large measure to make the law school of the University of Southern California what it is today. The students who studied under him, not only revered him, but had a great and lasting affection for him, for he was not only a great teacher but he was also a great, noble man in the highest sense of that term. His conduct, his manner, his democratic ways, endeared all of his students to him; made them love him; and what he did in the law school, the spirit that existed there, he brought with him to the Superior Court bench.

"One thing more that should be said about Judge Tappaan that the average person who knew him, or was acquainted with him merely as a judge did not know, and that was his great interest in the out-of-doors. Judge Tappaan was for years one of the officers, directors, and leading guides of the Sierra Club of California, an organization devoted to the protection of the forests and streams of the State of California.

"It was in that walk of life that I made the personal acquaintance of Judge Tappaan, and I recall very vividly the several occasions when, as a member of the Sierra Club outing party in the High Sierra, we spent many, many an evening around the camp fire on the Kings River, on the San Joaquin River, and on the tributary streams of those great bodies of water.

"He had a love for the out-of-doors, and you know you never really know the kind of stuff that a man is made of until you go on a camping trip with him. He not only taught me the value of out-of-door life, but my son as well, from the time that he was nine years of age, when I first took him on one of these camping trips; and it was there also that I became acquainted with Francis Tappaan, the Judge's son, who I am sure will follow in the footsteps of his father, because he has the same character and the same manly qualities about him.

"Gentlemen, we have lost a great jurist; we have lost a great teacher of the law; we have lost a great man.

"Judge Tappaan was the kind of a man to whom his associates and co-workers naturally gravitated in loyalty and affection. This is particularly true of the attaches of his own trial court. To them he was not Judge Tappaan, the jurist, but "Tap" the friend and confidant. They, perhaps more than most of his friends, will miss his advice, his genial association, and his loyal assistance.

"Let a record be made of these proceedings, and let a copy of it be sent to the State Bar of California, to the Los Angeles Bar Association, to the Sierra Club, and a copy to the family of Judge Tappaan."

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECEMBER 3, 1932

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club was held at the Club rooms, 1030 Mills Tower, San Francisco, California, Saturday morning, December 3, 1932 at ten o'clock. Present: Directors Adair, Adams, Badè, Bernays, Colby, Dawson, Farquhar, Huber, LeComte, McDuffie, Parsons, Price. D. R. Brothers and Harry Hartman, chairmen of the Southern California and San Francisco Bay chapters, respectively, were also present. President Bernays called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, held on May 7, 1932, were approved as printed in the June, 1932, *Sierra Club Bulletin*.

A letter addressed to Mr. Bernays from Payson J. Treat, submitting his resignation as a director of the Sierra Club, was presented. A motion was carried accepting his resignation with extreme regret and expressing appreciation of his many years of service as a director of the Club.

The Secretary thereupon called attention to the other vacancy on the Board now existing by reason of the sudden death on November 30th of Clair S. Tappaan.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

We of the Sierra Club cannot convey to the family of Clair S. Tappaan any adequate expression of our real feeling over the great loss we all have sustained. Mere words cannot describe his fine and noble qualities. We do want them to know, however, of the deep affection and admiration we all had for him. He has left a great void in our hearts and it is only with the thought that, in his spirit of true friendliness and generous feeling which he bore toward everyone, he would not wish us to grieve over his departure, we find encouragement and consolation. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and son.

Francis D. Tappaan was unanimously elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father.

D. R. Brothers was elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Professor Treat.

Report was made of steps recently taken in organizing a chapter of the Sierra Club at Riverside, and a petition of 53 members residing there was presented, asking that the Riverside Chapter of the Sierra Club be duly authorized by the Board of Directors. A motion was thereupon adopted authorizing the formation of the Riverside Chapter of the Sierra Club. The Treasurer was directed to make an apportionment of dues to the Riverside Chapter the same as that now in effect for the Southern California Chapter. The Secretary was requested to write a letter to Doris P. Rowlands, chairman of the Riverside Chapter, expressing the appreciation of the Board for her work in initiating the Riverside Chapter and in thus strengthening the Sierra Club.

It was voted to renew the Sierra Club's annual contribution of \$50 to the National Conference on State Parks.

A communication from Director Horace M. Albright, of the National Park Service, reporting on various national park matters and regretting that he could not attend the annual dinner, was read. The Secretary was instructed to express to Director Albright deep appreciation of his report and regret that he could not be present.

The next matter discussed was the project of Mr. Clinton C. Clarke, a member of the Sierra Club and chairman of the executive committee of the Mountain League, that a trail, to be known as the "John Muir Trail," be laid out and existing trails connected up extending from the Canadian border to the Mexican border through the states of Washington, Oregon, and California, and his additional proposal that the Sierra Club take the project over and sponsor the movement. A resolution was adopted approving the project in principle, but with the reservation that another name be chosen, as it was the opinion of the Board that the name "John Muir Trail" should be restricted to the trail now so-called, extending from Mount Whitney to Yosemite, the Legislature of the State having by statute so named this stretch of trail and expended considerable appropriations in its improvement. It was further resolved that the Sierra Club decline to assume sponsorship, and that the Mountain League be urged to continue its work.

The possibility of closer co-operation among groups interested in winter sports was discussed, and Messrs. Garthwaite and Moulthrop, of the San Francisco Winter Sports Club, who had been invited to attend, presented their views. A motion was carried that the President appoint a committee, with Mr. Farquhar as chairman, to confer upon this subject and to consider forming a Winter Sports section of the Sierra Club, authority for action being vested in the Executive Committee.

The Secretary called the attention of the directors to two books of photographs of the 1932 outing generously presented to the Club by William Walker Dulley. These books will be of particular value in the years to come because they contain, in addition to the photographs, a type-written record of camp activities and descriptions of places visited illustrated by the photographs. It was voted that an expression of appreciation of this gift be sent Mr. Dulley.

The Secretary reported that last spring Mrs. R. N. Wolfe, of Pittsburg, California, had written him regarding the sponsorship by the Sierra Club of an annual pilgrimage to the grave of John Muir in the Alhambra Valley near Martinez, to be held each spring on a Sunday about the time of John Muir's birthday (April 21st). The movement was started informally in 1930 by a group in Contra Costa County, but it was felt that John Muir belongs to a wider circle and that sponsorship by the Sierra Club would aid in establishing the pilgrimage as an annual observance, thus perpetuating and spreading the influence of John Muir. After discussion, in which Mr. Hartman, chairman of the San Francisco Bay Chapter, joined, a motion was carried that the matter of the annual pilgrimage to the grave of John Muir be referred to the San Francisco Bay Chapter, with the suggestion and authority of the Sierra Club that it be made an annual affair, program and other arrangements being left in the hands of the officers of the San Francisco Bay Chapter, and with the further suggestion that the co-operation of Mrs. Wolfe and the boy scouts of Martinez be borne in mind.

A motion was carried that the Sierra Club authorize the preparation of a bronze tablet to be placed with appropriate ceremony on the Muir Shelter when the Sierra Club outing party crosses Muir Pass next summer, the wording on the tablet to be determined by Dr. Badé.

Approval was given to the action of the Treasurer in transferring approximately three thousand dollars from the permanent fund savings account to investment in bonds.

The Secretary reported on the remodeling and decoration of the Club rooms as authorized at the December, 1931, meeting, which was completed just in time for this meeting of the Directors. He stated that, after considerable discussion as to the nature of the changes and at the suggestion of Ansel E. Adams, it was decided to call upon Mr. Eldridge T. Spencer who submitted three proposed plans, one of which was selected by the committee appointed for that purpose and approved by the Executive Committee. This was the plan which has been carried out. A motion was carried that an expression of appreciation be sent to Mr. Spencer, who was reported ill and unable to attend this meeting, thanking him for the personal interest and attention which he gave to the preparation of the plans and the carrying out of all the details. A resolution was adopted that a vote of thanks be accorded Mr. Adams for the great amount of time and thought he also has given in connection with the matter, and in addition thanking him for the twenty beautiful photographs which he so generously prepared for exhibition and presented to the Sierra Club for the opening of the newly decorated rooms. A motion was carried that a Room Committee be appointed to handle all matters arising in connection with the use of the rooms and to plan and arrange for exhibits and various activities to be held in them. The following committee was appointed: Ansel E. Adams, chairman; Hazel King Bakewell, Lewis F. Clark, Ruth R. Currier, and Marjory Dickeson. Mention was made of the fact that it would be desirable to obtain suitable furnishings for the Club rooms and Mr. Hartman, chairman of the San Francisco Bay Chapter, reported that the Chapter would like to make a contribution for this purpose.

Mr. Hartman was called on for a brief report of the activities planned by the San Francisco Bay Chapter. He stated that plans were under way to give special attention to adding to the membership of the Club; that in connection with the educational work, consideration was being given to a proposal to build up a motion picture collection of the Sierra, Sierra Club outings, and other Club activities.

Mr. Brothers was called on for a report of activities of the Southern California Chapter. He reported that Harwood and Muir lodges were financially on a self-supporting basis, and that the general fund of the chapter was in a satisfactory condition. He stated that some new trails had been built in the vicinity of Harwood Lodge. He mentioned the formation of the Riverside Chapter and stated that the Southern California Chapter would for the time being send its schedules to the Riverside members as an aid to the new chapter in its work.

Upon further discussion of the matter of a Sierra Club motion picture collection, Mr. Farquhar was appointed chairman of a committee to investigate this matter in co-operation with the various chapters.

It was suggested that it might be advisable to start some additional chapters of the Sierra

Club, especially in San Jose, Sacramento, San Diego, and Santa Barbara. The President was authorized to appoint a committee to consider this matter and the further question of authorizing junior membership in the Club, at smaller annual dues, report to be made at the May meeting.

A motion was carried that the Secretary communicate with Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, Secretary of the Interior, to secure his views regarding the desirability of establishing Kings River Cañon and Death Valley as national monuments or national parks, any necessary action regarding these regions to be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

The Secretary called the attention of the Directors to an editorial in the San Francisco Daily News of December 2nd congratulating the Sierra Club on its fortieth anniversary, and he was requested to send the Editor, in the name of the Club, an expression of appreciation.

A resolution was adopted that the Sierra Club congratulate the State Park Commission and particularly its chairman, William E. Colby, on the excellent achievement of securing Point Lobos for a state park.

The following were appointed to act as the nominating committee to select names to be placed on the ballot at the coming election of directors of the Sierra Club: C. Nelson Hackett, chairman; Edward O. Allen, Ethelinda M. James, Robert L. Lipman, E. A. Mayers; alternates, L. N. Rice, and Helene Wright.

The following were appointed a committee of judges of election to act in the counting of the ballots at the next regular election of directors: Helena M. Beam, Mabel Earle, Violet Fair, Ida E. Logan, Alice L. Meussdorffer, Helene Morgan, Violet Neuenburg, Catherine S. Tubby, and Juanita E. York.

Mr. Colby, chairman of the Outing Committee, presented a financial report covering the 1932 Sierra Club Outing. A motion was passed that the report be accepted and retained in the files of the Outing Committee.

Francis D. Tappaan was appointed on the Outing Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

WM. E. COLBY,
Secretary.

1933 OUTING OF THE SIERRA CLUB

As plans for the 1933 outing develop it promises to afford members of the Club an exceptional opportunity for carrying on mountaineering activities. The first camp, after crossing Piute Pass, will be in the Mount Humphreys basin and the permanent camp will be at the head of Evolution Valley, from which all of the Evolution group of peaks will be accessible. It is proposed to hold dedication ceremonies on Muir Pass when the Muir Shelter Hut, made possible through the generosity of the late George Frederick Schwarz, will be dedicated and an appropriate bronze tablet placed on the shelter. The last two weeks of the outing will be spent in the vicinity of the Palisade basin near the base of the Devils Crags. The outing will thus afford an opportunity to climb more splendid peaks than would be possible in any other region of the Sierra. The members of the Rock Climbing Section of the Club will therefore have an unexcelled opportunity for its activities.

Members of the Club who wish to take a less strenuous vacation will find the two major base camps will afford plenty of opportunity for restful recreation. As in recent years, those who can only remain away two weeks will have the opportunity to be with the Club during the first half of the outing in Evolution Valley, on the South Fork of the San Joaquin River, or during the last half in the Palisade region on the Middle Fork of the Kings River. Written application should be made at an early date so that the Outing Committee may be advised of the number for which preparation should be made. This entails no obligation.

THE NEW CLUB ROOMS

The new headquarters of the Sierra Club, at 1050 Mills Tower, occupied in an incomplete condition for some months, were officially opened at the time of the December meeting of the Board of Directors and are now complete and functioning, with the exception of certain articles of furni-

ture which are not yet quite finished. The room exemplifies a carefully conceived architectural program designed to give to members of the Club and to all visitors an expression of Sierra Club principles and functions. It represents the Sierra Club as a whole and is not confined to local activities. It provides for an adequate presentation of the library, for exhibits of art in relation to all the fields of interest which concern the Club, for exhibits of historical, literary, and scientific material, for lectures and motion pictures, and for meetings of small groups. By virtue of its inherent qualities and the opportunities it offers for the Club's activities, this room should aid very definitely the expansion of the Club and the realization of its ideals. The architectural design is by Eldridge T. Spencer, of San Francisco.

In order to preserve the best aspects of the room and to maintain the dignity of its function it is necessary to observe certain regulations for its care and use. These regulations are available for reference in the Club room, and it is suggested that members contemplating the use of the room should familiarize themselves with them. The room will be open from 9 to 1 and 2 to 5, Sundays and holidays excepted, and excepting that on Saturdays it will close at noon. It will also be open regularly on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 10, and at other times when authorized by the Room Committee. The Assistant Secretary, Miss Virginia Ferguson, will be in operating charge of the room under direction of the Room Committee. Applications for special uses of the room may be made through her. The members of the Club are cordially invited to make the fullest use of the room consistent with its purposes and with the regulations.

THE ROOM COMMITTEE, ANSEL E. ADAMS, Chairman

MRS. JOHN BAKEWELL LEWIS F. CLARK MRS. E. W. CURRIER MARJORIE DICKIESON

PROGRAM OF EXHIBITS TO BE HELD IN THE CLUB ROOMS

January 3 to January 21—Etchings by Roi Partridge.

January 23 to February 11—Early Views of Yosemite.

February 14 to March 4—Photographs by Imogen Cunningham.

March 6 to March 25—Paintings by Leland Curtis.

March 27 to April 15—Etchings by Ray Burrell.

April 17 to May 6—Paintings by Chiura Obata.

May 8 to May 27—Portraits and Souvenirs of John Muir.

May 29 to June 17—Early Maps of the Sierra Nevada.

June 19 to July 8—Retrospect of Sierra Club Outings.

July 10 to August 5—Views of the Big Trees.

An exhibit of photographs by Ansel E. Adams has already been held. Other exhibits, to be arranged by the Room Committee, will follow those listed above and will be announced from time to time. Suggestions from the members of the Club are invited. The public is cordially invited to visit the Club rooms and enjoy these exhibits.

EXPANSION OF SNOW-SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Following the recommendation made by the Board of Directors at the December meeting a group interested in skiing and winter mountaineering met just before Christmas to discuss methods of unifying these interests under the auspices of the Sierra Club. The belief was expressed that not only would members of the Club welcome more assistance and direction in winter sports, but many who were now engaged in these sports independently would be glad to join the Sierra Club if an active snow-sports program was announced. Several of the group who were not already members of the Club at once made application for membership. Although the present season was already well advanced, it was the belief that much could still be done before it was over and that plans for further expansion next winter could best be laid now. The first need seemed to be a survey of the territory and accommodations for snow-sports, to be followed by a schedule of trips. In order to make these trips productive of the best results it seemed advisable to provide for some sort of classification of those participating in order that novices would not have to struggle to keep up with experts and experts be retarded by the company of novices. Accordingly, it was proposed that a system of grades be devised and that special attention be given to affording instruction so that members might move up from one grade to another. Another important matter was considered to be the

recommendation of types of equipment and the explanation of their use. Finally, it seemed highly desirable that the information thus gathered together should be made promptly available to the Club by means of a concise manual, which should contain, among other matters, a list of references to snow-sport literature. In order to carry out this program the voluntary committee proceeded to organize itself into five sub-committees, with Bestor Robinson as chairman of the general committee. It was resolved to reconvene on January 9, 1933, and report progress, and that, following that meeting, its results be communicated to those in southern California interested in similar activities so that the snow-sports program of the entire Club might be co-ordinated. The sub-committees were constituted as follows:

Standards: Otto Barkan (chairman), Ian Farquharson, Joel H. Hildebrand, W. D. Patterson.

Equipment: Horace H. Breed (chairman), Oliver Kehrlein, Otis R. Marston, Harold L. Paige, W. D. Patterson, Bestor Robinson.

Locations: C. A. Withington (chairman), Horace H. Breed, W. B. Garthwaite.

Trips: Lewis F. Clark (chairman), Horace H. Breed, W. B. Garthwaite, Oliver Kehrlein, C. A. Withington.

Publications: Harold L. Paige (chairman), Francis P. Farquhar, W. D. Patterson.

EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE SIERRA CLUB

The following editorial appeared in THE SAN FRANCISCO News of Friday, December 2, 1932:

Congratulations, Sierra Club

California, boasting more varied scenery and climate than any other state, loves its out-of-doors. Our people know how to enjoy the mountains which nature provided for them.

In the summer vacation period thousands of families load their cars with a two weeks' supply of provisions and a tent and steal away from the worries of city life to the peaceful shade of the Redwood trees. Almost every week-end throughout the year hundreds make a two-day pilgrimage to the north bay playground area. On the all too few occasions when Monday is a holiday, scores dash off to the high Sierra for a bracing tonic of mountain air.

Every Sunday, winter and summer, hundreds of our people who love the out-of-doors converge on the Ferry Building, where they cross to Marin county to hike over the wooded trails of Tamalpais.

This week the Sierra Club, an organization of more than 2,000 members devoted to perpetuating the forests and playgrounds of the state for its people, celebrates its fortieth anniversary. Directors and members scattered from all over California will attend the annual reunion dinner at the Fairmont Saturday. Past presidents of early days will recount their triumphs in the battle for a state park system, of which William E. Colby, the club's secretary, is now the head. The early history of the club, from its beginnings with the beloved John Muir as president, will be relived. Plans for the future will be outlined, that the people may obtain still more of the beauties of the mountains for themselves.

Every nature lover owes much to the Sierra Club. Its activities are far from selfish. Its work benefits all of us, as well as its own members. Its purpose as outlined in its constitution, is "to explore, enjoy and render accessible the mountain regions of the Pacific Coast; to enlist the support and co-operation of the people and the government in preserving the forests and other natural features of the Sierra Nevada."

The trails of Tamalpais, now traversed each week-end by thousands of hikers from the city, would be closed to the public were it not for the efforts of the Sierra Club, the Tamalpais Conservation Club and similar organizations.

The News congratulates the Sierra Club on its fortieth birthday and wishes it continued success in the years to come.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE CLUB LIBRARY

A Bibliography of Alaskan Literature. 1724-1924. By James Wickersham. Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, Fairbanks. 1928.

Modern Ski Technique. By Otto Schniebs and John W. McCrillis. Stephen Daye Press, Brattleboro, Vt. 1932.

Skiing. By Charles N. Proctor. Lakeview Press, Framingham, Mass. 1932.
Men, Women and Mountains. Days in the Alps and Pyrenees. By Sir Claud Schuster. Ivor Nicholson & Watson Ltd., London. 1931.

Adventures of an Alpine Guide. By Christian Klucker. Translated from the Third German Edition by Erwin and Pleasaunce von Gaisberg. Edited and with Additional Chapters by H. E. G. Tyndale. John Murray, London. 1932.

Himalaya. Unsere Expedition 1930. By Prof. Dr. Günter Oskar Dyhrenfurth. Verlag Scherl, Berlin. 1931.

Memsahb im Himalaja. By Hettie Dyhrenfurth. Verlag Deutsche Buchwerkstatten, Leipzig. 1931.

In Kampf Um den Himalaja. Der Erste Deutsche Angriff auf den Kangchendzönga 1929. By Paul Bauer. Verlag Knorr & Hirth, München. 1931.

Alai! Alai! Arbeiten und Erlebnisse der Deutsch-Russischen Alai-Pamir-Expedition. By Willi Rickmer Rickmers. F. A. Brockhaus, Leipzig. 1930.

Bergland in der Arktis. Die Österreichische Spitzbergen-Fahrt 1931. By G. Machek, F. Oedl, H. Scharfetter, E. P. Tratz, R. Untersteiner. Verlag "Das Bergland-Buch" Deutsche Vereins-Druckerei A. G. Graz. 1932.

Berge und Gletscher im Pamir. By Philipp Borchers. Verlag von Strecker und Schröder, Stuttgart. 1931.

Über Gletscher und Gipfel. By Gottlieb Studer. Im Eugen Rentsch Verlag, Erlenbach, Zurich. 1931.

Haute Montagne. By Pierre Dalloz. Paul Hartmann, Paris. 1931.

Physiography of Western United States. By Nevin M. Fenneman. McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York. 1931.

Forest Education. By Henry S. Graves and Cedric H. Guise. Yale University Press, New Haven, Conn. 1932.

Economic Mammalogy. By Junius Henderson and Alberta L. Craig. Charles C. Thomas, Springfield, Ill. 1932.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY CHAPTER NOTES

At the annual organization meeting of the San Francisco Bay Chapter Executive Committee, held in November, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Chairman, Harry Hartman; vice-chairman, Jesse K. Brown; secretary, Minnie I. Gunzel; treasurer, James W. MacBride. The following were appointed chairmen of standing committees: Educational, Jesse K. Brown; entertainment, Myra Gibson; local walks, Harry Hartman; membership, Marian R. Hart.

SNOW TRIP IN FEBRUARY

Club members and friends who are interested in exploration of the Sierra by winter are reminded of the snow trip to be conducted by the San Francisco Bay Chapter for all Sierra Club members to Camp Pahatsi in the vicinity of Soda Springs station near Donner Pass, next February 11, 12 and 13. All those who contemplate making this trip are urged to communicate with one of the leaders—Lewis Clark, Horace Breed, or Harold Paige—or advise the Assistant Secretary of the Club, as soon as possible, because accommodations are limited. Expenses are purposely being kept very low, not to exceed \$5 per person, exclusive of transportation. Toboggans and skis will be available, although those who can are urged to bring their own skis. Further details will soon be available at the Club office in San Francisco.

A ROCK-CLIMBING SECTION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY CHAPTER

Ask a rock-climber why he does it and he—or she—will probably answer without hesitation: "Rock-climbing is such keen sport." Get your climber in an analytical mood and you will learn that the art of climbing leads to increased enjoyment of the mountains. True, it calls for steady nerves, but not necessarily for great strength. Not for the timid, nor the infirm, nor the rusty-jointed, nevertheless it appeals to both men and women, old and young. It is a challenge to mental and physical powers coupling imagination and technical knowledge with muscular coördination, balance, suppleness, and endurance. The modern technique enables a climber successfully to combine a margin of

safety with the undiminished satisfaction of accomplishment. Its high adventure has appealed to many of our youngsters in various parts of the Sierra during the past few years, yet it need not involve competitive mountaineering.

Is all this only for the "born climbers," who seem naturally endowed with the necessary attributes? By no means! The enthusiastic devotee will assure you that climbing ability may be developed. Often those having fair agility but with no previous experience find the knack of climbing quickly acquired. Others possessing ordinary physical qualifications may with application and practice gradually develop skill. Evidence of this was amply provided by the local walk last December, held in conjunction with the first formal meeting of the section. More than 95 persons attended and many participated also in the roping down, belaying, and climbing practice.

Although the Sierra Club is technically not a mountaineering organization in the sense of requiring mountain climbing ability of its members, it has, through the performances of its individual members, through its annual outings, and through its contributions to the literature by means of the Bulletin, acquired a distinguished position in the mountaineering fraternity. With this in view, the San Francisco Bay Chapter has sponsored the idea of a recognized group devoted expressly to a practical phase of mountaineering as a preparation for exploring, enjoying and rendering more accessible the mountain regions.

When, in November, 1931, the San Francisco Bay Chapter sponsored its first demonstration of rock-climbing with ropes, on the sea cliffs of Marin County, many Club members received their introduction to a climbing-rope and its use, especially as a safety factor rather than as an actual physical aid. Among these, Dick Leonard followed up with enterprise this zestful outdoor exercise that helps one to keep in training for summer mountaineering. He and Kenneth May started climbing on Cragmont and Indian rocks in Berkeley's parks. They found a surprising variety of climbing problems on the cliffs and cracks ranging from five to fifty or more feet in height. Soon a small, earnest group was formed, calling itself the Cragmont Climbing Club. Sierra Club members composed the majority of its personnel. Out of this, and as a result of sustained activity during the past year on the part of these enthusiastic rock-climbers, interest has grown to such an extent that the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club authorized the formation of a Rock-climbing Section open to all members of the Chapter who signify their interest. The Section aims to be a focus of mountaineering interest, offering a means through which various groups of climbers may become better acquainted. A Committee on Rock-climbing was appointed, composed of Richard M. Leonard (chairman), Marjory Bridge, Lewis F. Clark, Jules M. Eichorn, and Kenneth May. No climbing ability is required to join the Section, although systematic instruction is given at Section meetings for those who desire to learn about climbing technique and the use of the rope. The Section has issued its first printed schedule of meetings and practice climbs. Perhaps we soon may hear of the formation of similar groups in other chapters. They are assured of most cordial cooperation.

LEWIS F. CLARK.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, of SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN, published bimonthly at San Francisco, California, for October 1, 1932.

State of California,
City and County of San Francisco } ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Virginia Ferguson, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the business manager of the Sierra Club Bulletin, and that the following is, to the best of her knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership and management of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business manager are: Publisher, Sierra Club, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco, Calif.; Editor, Francis P. Farquhar, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco, Calif.; Managing Editor, None; Business Manager, Virginia Ferguson, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco, Calif.
2. That the owner is: Sierra Club (a corporation), 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco; No Stockholders; Officers: Phil S. Bernays, president, Los Angeles; William E. Colby, secretary, San Francisco; Walter L. Huber, treasurer, San Francisco.
3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: None.

VIRGINIA FERGUSON, Business Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of September, 1932.

VIOLET NEUENBURG, Notary Public.

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(My commission expires December 31, 1934.)

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